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author who has shown what can be made of this subject by a master hand: It may not be amiss to say that no one with a tolerable reading acquaintance with scientific German need shrink from it for fear of linguistic difficulties. It is as readable as if it were a popular book, which I do not hesitate to set down as one of its merits. An extensive bibliography at the end of each chapter, an alphabetic index and three hundred and fifty-three illustrations of all kinds also facilitate its use.

MARTHA KRUG GENTHE.

A Transformed Colony. Sierra Leona as it was, and as it is, its Progress, Peoples, Native Customs and Undeveloped Wealth. By T. J. Alldridge. xvi and 368 pp., 66 Illustrations, Map and Index. The J. B. Lippincott Company, Philadelphia, 1910. \$3.50.

Mr. Alldridge was, for many years, a British official in the Crown Colony of Sierra Leone. He is still the only man who has ever travelled around the entire area of what is now the Protectorate. In this interesting and authoritative book, he has pictured the past of Sierra Leone, as it really was; and then he tells of the wonderful transformation that has been brought about, the larger part of it within the past twelve years.

This book is representative of a new variety of works that is now being added to the literature on Africa. Four or five of these books have, thus far, appeared, and they could not have been written until this time. They contrast the former state of things with the present changed conditions. They sum up, thus far, the results of the mighty efforts that the white race has put forth to begin the regeneration of Africa and make the continent more useful to its peoples and to the world.

No part of barbarous Africa more strikingly illustrates the progressive movement than Sierra Leone. Mr. Alldridge shows how that region has been transformed from a lawless and slave-dealing country into one of security and freedom. The reign of terror has passed away. The chiefs no longer exercise autocratic power over life and death. The entire Hinterland is embraced in the Protectorate. An excellent railroad has helped to bring a region nearly as large as the State of New York under complete official control. Hospitals are multiplying, the elements of civilization, as we understand it, are taking root and the government policy is to teach the natives "the Gospel of the Carpenter Shop," as Bishop Ingham calls it. We cannot read such chapters as those describing the government school at Bo, the Sierra Leone R.R., the revolution in trade, the Princess Christian Hospital, and others, without believing that the new order of things is a wonderful boon to the million or two of natives in Sierra Leone. The book is well illustrated and contains an unusually good map of the Protectorate, considering that it can be only approximately accurate, as detailed surveys are still lacking.

Adrift on an Ice-Pan. By Wilfred Thomason Grenfell. xxvi and 69 pp., and Illustrations. Houghton Mifflin Company, Boston and New York, 1909. \$0.75, net.

This is Dr. Grenfell's story of his drift on an ice floe that had broken away from land when he was sledge-travelling on a mission of mercy. He was alone with eight dogs, on an unsettled coast and his situation, for many hours, seemed hopeless. Relief came at last, but not till three of the dogs had given their lives